

## Parking Regulations Drive Council to Debate Revisions

by Deb Daniel

Greenbelt City Council met on Monday, August 1, to discuss parking, trails and various public safety issues in the Greenbelt Station area. Tina Kumar, property manager, and Valencia Perry, assistant property manager, for Verde apartments at Greenbelt Station answered questions from council.

Verde has 302 apartment units at 97 percent occupancy and amenities including a clubroom, a fitness room, two outdoor court-yards and a pool. The garage has 601 parking spaces and two electronic car charging stations. Residents get one space free and pay a fee for the second space in the garage; surplus parking spaces are also available. Visitor parking is available on the first level of the garage and in front

of the leasing office. In addition, there is a bike room.

Kumar, in response to Councilmember Judith Davis's inquiry about parking on Rock Quarry service road, said that since No Parking signs were installed there, no towing issues have occurred. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked about speeding on the service road, armed break-ins and car thefts. Kumar said that she had seen no complaints or incidents. Councilmember Ric Gordon asked if Verde had special children's programs; Kumar replied that the pool is open from noon to 8 p.m. Jordan mentioned that council and Greenbelt Recreation hope to have more activities in Greenbelt Station

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## Space Foundation Celebrates Greenbelt's Innovative Fischer

by Cathie Meetre



Jim Fischer with his award.

James (Jim) Fischer, a 50-year resident of Greenbelt, was recently lauded during the induction of Beowulf Computing into the Space Foundation's Hall of Fame. Fischer, who worked at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center from 1974 to 2014, is the co-creator of the Beowulf computing cluster concept originally developed at Goddard as part of research into massively parallel computing technology.

As the group lead for the project, Fischer collaborated with his colleague Thomas Sterling to capitalize on the increasing availability of inexpensive but powerful computing components. These commercial components, each as powerful as early super-computers, could be interlinked in the Beowulf architecture on the massive scale needed for the

vast, repetitive and inter-related computations necessary for the large-scale numerical modeling necessary to understand interactions and measure the changes taking place within Earth's land, ocean and atmosphere.

In his speech to the foundation, Fischer referred to the ever-increasing firehose of data the Beowulf Cluster was developed to analyze and use in models as more and more space-based observations were made. He was instrumental in the launch of the Beowulf architecture into commercial and industrial applications where, despite the evolution of ever more-powerful components, the original ground-breaking design still remains core to the technology.

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## The Smells of Summer Camp: YOGOs Get Non-stop Action

by Patrick Gleason



YOGO campers go on a scavenger hunt on Friday, August 5.

Most Camp YOGO mornings begin with an adolescent chorus of "Smells like summer!" in response to a semi-rhetorical questioning of "Smell that, YOGOs?" While it may be impossible to describe the exact smells of summer or fully quantify their effects, the enthusiasm that fills this group of more than 30 camp-

ers on a daily basis is as palpable as the Maryland humidity.

Camp YOGO's summer 2022 offers a return to weekly field trips – though only two per week instead of the traditional three of previous summers – and a full-day schedule of activities after last summer's half-day camp due to the ongoing pandemic.

With campers enthusiastic for the camp's return, each session's enrollment has surpassed capacity.

YOGO, an acronym for "Youth on the Go," provides a space for campers to stay active while expanding their comfort zones each day. Field trips consist of hikes on local trails like

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## New GES Head Joel Nelson Has Been in Greenbelt Before

by Melissa Sites

New Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Joel Nelson is pleased to return to working in Greenbelt. "Prior to seeking my master's degree," he said, "I was a substitute teacher at Greenbelt Elementary when it first opened. A few years later, my eldest daughter took theater classes here." A graduate of the University of Maryland and Howard University, Nelson taught at Greenbelt Middle from 1999 until 2002.

He identified similarities between Greenbelt and his former location in Kettering, pointing out that "both have proud histories with home ownership passed

down through family generations resulting in blocks of active yard work where neighbors know and greet one another."

Nelson is passionate and excited about his work. He states that he most enjoys "interacting with students and teachers, build-

ing relationships, building the capacity of learners and being part of a learning community that emphasizes ... integrated arts and foreign language."

The pandemic has posed great challenges to the school system

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Officer Rakibur Rahman collects school supplies donated by Beltway Plaza Target. The school supplies were raffled off at the August 2 National Night Out event at Beltway Plaza. See page 12 for more photos from National Night Out.

### What Goes On

Thursday, August 18  
1 to 3 p.m., Free Produce  
Distribution, Community Center

See the city ad on page 5  
or the meetings calendar on  
greenbeltnmd.gov for more  
information.



# Letters to the Editor

## Why No Drop-in Ballot Box Here?

I don't know who to address this letter to – maybe to the city council? Why didn't Greenbelt have a drop-in ballot box for mail-in ballots? I called Prince George's County Board of Elections office asking for information for Greenbelt citizens to drop off their mail-in ballots. The clerk looked through files and could not find one ballot box listed for the Greenbelt community.

There were listings for College Park, Hyattsville and several other communities, along with where each of those boxes was located. I don't understand why there was no place in Greenbelt to drop off our ballots. Getting to the College Park Community Center presented a problem. My first attempt to get there was unsuccessful: some of the street lights on 193 were out, the detour route we were directed to follow led to dead-end streets, debris unfortunately was everywhere, it was very frustrating. Why don't they recognize many Greenbelt residents are senior citizens who might be unable to get to a drop box in College Park? I would like to understand why the Greenbelt community did not have one drop box for ballots.

Iona King

## Greenbelt Tree Canopy Update?

This past weekend I reviewed the agenda for the August 10 city council worksession, to which was attached a document related to "The City of Greenbelt 2022 Outcome Areas: The City of Greenbelt will provide excellent services, preserve and enhance our legacy, and ensure equity and inclusion in the city."

One of the eight highlighted areas, Maintaining Greenbelt as an Environmentally Proactive

Community, may very well be the reason my wife and I decided less than a year ago to move from Carole Highland, a Prince George's County unincorporated neighborhood, to the Greenbelt Lakeside neighborhood.

Lately, Lakeside has seen many of its large trees distressed by this summer's powerful storms. Tree removal contractors and Greenbelt Department of Public Works (DPW) are in the final stage of clearing any damaged or fallen trees from private properties and public land around the lake. More gaps in the tree canopy are added to the growing number of Lakeside properties from which large healthy trees were and continue to be removed.

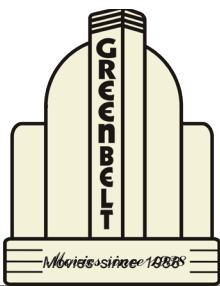
In a July 21, 2022, News Review article, Charles Jackman, chair of the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT), mentions that Greenbelt's tree canopy is at 62 percent, which is exceptionally high in both Prince George's County and the State of Maryland. On the USDA Forest Service's website, I read an urban tree canopy report for the City of Greenbelt (see fs.fed.us/nrs/utc/reports/UTC\_Report\_Greenbelt.pdf), prepared in Spring 2009 by University of Vermont Spatial Analysis Laboratory. The analysis, which reports the above-mentioned percentage, was based on 2007 data. It stresses the importance of preserving the tree canopy through maintenance and regeneration, and a focus on community education.

Fifteen years later, wouldn't it be relevant for the council, DPW and ACT to have an updated tree canopy assessment? Such a report may be essential for council, DPW and ACT to further their discussion on environmental priorities, including a potential ordinance restricting tree removal.

Xavier Courouble

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SAT. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM  
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MON. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM  
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(115 MINS)  
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Honestly, when am I  
not LARPing.

\*LARP, a gamer term for live-action role playing

- M. Kusie

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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Nope

From Jordan Peele, the acclaimed director of Get Out and Us, comes this thriller with elements of horror, mystery and sci-fi that has become one of this summer's blockbusters. Two siblings who run a California horse ranch discover something both wonderful and sinister in the skies above, and the owner of an adjacent theme park tries to profit from the mysterious, otherworldly phenomenon. Starring are Daniel Kaluuya and Keke Palmer. "Hunting for hidden meaning within the story and the pictures deepens the complexity of our relationship with the movie," said critic Melanie McFarland of Salon.com, "but that's also a distraction from the simple enjoyment of its popcorn-flick simplicity."

### Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song

This feature-length documentary is a definitive exploration of singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen as seen through the prism of his internationally renowned hymn, Hallelujah. The film weaves together three creative strands: the songwriter and his times, the song's dramatic journey from record label reject to chart-topping hit and moving testimonies from major recording artists for whom Hallelujah has become a personal touchstone.

### The Croods: A New Age

In this animated feature, the prehistoric Crood family, while searching for a safer habitat, discover an idyllic, walled-in paradise that meets all of its needs. Unfortunately, they must also learn to live with the Bettermans – a family that's a couple of steps above the Croods on the evolutionary ladder. As tensions between the new neighbors start to rise, a threat soon propels both clans on an epic adventure that forces them to embrace their differences, draw strength from one another and survive together.



# Community Events

## Reel and Meal Marks Hiroshima Anniversary

On Monday, August 15, the Reel and Meal film series will screen The Vow from Hiroshima. The event will be both in person at the New Deal Café and online via Zoom (registration required at [tinyurl.com/ReelMealAug15](https://tinyurl.com/ReelMealAug15)). The program is free and starts at 7 p.m.

The Bullfrog Films production portrays 2017 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Setsuko Thurlow, an 85-year-old survivor of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. It weaves her own story into that of her growing friendship with a second-generation survivor, Mitchie Takeuchi. Thurlow was miraculously pulled out of a fiery building after the bomb was dropped, but her 27 classmates were burned to death alive. That experience shaped her life forever. She has tried to keep a pledge made to her friends: that thereafter no one should ever again meet their horrible fate.

Directed by Susan Strickler, the film explores the global dangers of nuclear weapons by showing Thurlow's work with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and the peak of her decades of activism as she accepts the Nobel Peace Prize. An update adds an epilogue about the ratification and enactment of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which entered into force on January 22, 2021. Discussion following the screening will be led by Arjun Makhijani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research.

A short extra activity is planned for those at the Café – a lesson on folding paper cranes. The crane is a traditional symbol of peace.

The New Deal Café will serve meals for the event, including vegan options. For online attendees, the Greenbelt Co-op will offer a Meatless Monday plant-based option, the local favorite Dodah's Kitchen Lasagna, from the "grab & go" side of its hot food case. Dinners for purchase will be available from 11 a.m. until the Co-op closes at 9 p.m.

For more information on the series visit the Reel and Meal Facebook page at [facebook.com/reelandmealNDC](https://facebook.com/reelandmealNDC). For more on this month's event see the Facebook page or contact Lucy Duff at [lucyduff@comcast.net](mailto:lucyduff@comcast.net).



## Tissue Boxes, Jar Lids Needed for Art Projects

Greenbelt Recreation Arts is collecting empty tissue boxes, preferably rectangular, and 2 to 4" diameter lids, e.g. from peanut butter or jelly jars, for upcoming after-school art class projects. There is a collection bin in the Community Center lobby, near the main office. For more information, contact [agardner@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltmd.gov). Thank you to all those who donated cereal boxes; no more of these are needed.

GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE

## Cultivating Resilience

The Greenbelt Unplugged mindfulness exploration will happen as usual on the second Sunday, August 14, but at a new time. Instead of the usual afternoon time slot, it will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This Sunday's mindfulness will also have a new guest. Greenbelter Debra Cope will give a live interactive workshop on Cultivating Resilience. This workshop will be helpful for those struggling to stay focused, positive and confident, needing to release stuck emotion or to bounce back after setbacks and discouraging events. In this "resiliency tune-up" participants will explore research-backed mindfulness tools that help develop the ability to live life with greater focus and momentum, mastery and fulfillment. More detail can be found at [greenbeltunplugged.org](https://greenbeltunplugged.org) in the upcoming events section.

The Zoom meeting ID is 869 1887 7769 and the passcode is 016110. Or send an email to [events@greenbeltunplugged.org](mailto:events@greenbeltunplugged.org) to get the direct link and be added to the group's distribution list.

## Book Discussion

On Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. join friends and neighbors for a lively virtual book discussion presented by the Greenbelt Library. This month the group will discuss The Last Thing He Told Me, a novel by Laura Dave. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/6671811](https://pgcmls.info/event/6671811). Copies of the book may be available for borrowing. Customers may submit a request via the catalog at [catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris](https://catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris). Visit the Greenbelt Library or call Ask a Librarian/Biblio Consulta at 240-455-5451 for assistance.



## Food Collection For Hunger Relief

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food as scheduled below:

Sunday, August 14, by 11 a.m., at 1 to 8 Courts Ridge, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent and 1 to 2 Courts Westway

Sunday, August 21, by 4 p.m. for Boxwood and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members

Saturday, August 27, by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road

Sunday, August 28, by 4 p.m. for 9, 11, 12 and 13 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Those in neighborhoods with no monthly food drive can help through P.A.L. To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) by noon on Sunday, August 21; leave donations by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street. Ensure that the use-by date of the donated items has not expired.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Particularly sought are coordinators in Greenbelt East. For more information, contact Goldberg-Strassler.

## GAIL Launches The Pink Pantry

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) has developed a new program called The Pink Pantry to provide women in need with menstrual products, in response to period poverty in Maryland. Nearly 11 percent of women and girls between the ages of 12 and 44 live below the poverty line, and although many receive assistance for other healthcare needs, they are unable to afford or access tampons, pads or other menstrual period products. The GAIL program will collaborate with the Greater DC Diaper Bank and other organizations to supply The Pink Pantry with various types of period products, distribute them on a quarterly basis and include health education workshops with healthcare professionals to help build confidence around menstruation. Currently, GAIL is surveying the community to understand the need and gauge interest in order to develop the program and maximize its outreach.

For more information or to donate unopened period products, contact Katherine Farzin at 240-542-2019 or via email at [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov). The Pink Pantry will debut at the Back-to-School Mini Family Health Fair on Tuesday, August 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Anyone interested in the program should complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/wZ89kTCRqXPKgpC79>.

## Greenbelt Writers Group Meets Aug. 19

Calling all writers: The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet in person on Friday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. In July, the Group had a successful meeting with shared thoughts on unfinished or unstarted works and where we hope to go in the near future. The group welcomes area writers to join and continue that discussion this month. There may be time for brief readings for anyone bringing works in progress. Masks optional. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at 301-441-8241.

## Golden Age Club August Schedule

The Golden Age Club is meeting in person on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center second-floor meeting room. The schedule for coming weeks is:

August 17, birthday celebrations

August 24, Luisa Robles (Public Works), Recycling in Greenbelt. Bring questions about what/how to recycle and compost.

August 31, no meeting.



## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](https://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).



## Retro Town Fair 10th Anniversary



PHOTO BY MEGAN SEARING YOUNG

### Cookies grand champion winner

This year's Retro Town Fair, to be held on Sunday, September 4, at the Greenbelt Museum grounds, will be celebrating a 10-year anniversary. Created as a Greenbelt 75th Anniversary event that was an homage to the town's very early fairs, the event was so popular it has been carried on since 2012. Initially on the Labor Day Festival grounds, the fair is now located at the museum under the tents so folks experience the museum site. The historic house will be open for free, brief tours.

Categories are much the same, with all Greenbelters encouraged to enter their home-grown produce and flowers, baked goods, craft items, needlework and canned goods. Judges will award ribbons and perhaps bragging rights. Look for more information and entry forms on the website at [greenbeltmuseum.org](https://greenbeltmuseum.org) or visit the museum's Facebook page.

Email any questions to Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at [education@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:education@greenbeltmuseum.org). Entry forms will also be available soon at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.



## Lunch-on-the-lawn Returns Labor Day

The Greenbelt Community Church, at the corner of Hillside and Crescent, will once again be serving a luncheon immediately following the Parade on Labor Day, September 5.

A tasty meal of barbecue sandwiches or hot dogs with baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and beverage will be served outdoors in shaded areas. Families are welcome. In the event of rain or extreme heat, lunch will be served in the downstairs Social Hall. Those wishing to help may complete the form at [signupgenius.com/go/904094ba4ab2aa2fd0-luncheon](https://signupgenius.com/go/904094ba4ab2aa2fd0-luncheon).

The church will also be hosting a booth during Information Day in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, September 3. Come on down and meet some church members and learn about the church's community outreach, social events and inclusive doctrine. All are welcome, always.



## Labor Day Book Sale Book Collections

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is collecting book donations for the annual Labor Day Book Sale Fundraiser. CDs and DVDs are welcome, but please no cassette or VHS tapes.

**Donation Locations:**

Greenbelt Elementary  
Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14, 10 a. m. - 2 p.m.

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket  
Monday, Aug. 15 - Friday, Aug. 19, anytime (look for the donation cart inside)

Greenbriar Condos  
Monday, Aug. 15 - Friday, Aug. 19, anytime (drop off in the front office)

For more information, contact the PTA at [GreenbeltESPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltESPTA@gmail.com).



## Greenbelt Access Television Aug 12, Fri - Aug 18, Thu

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### THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Comedy • 1946	Love Laughs at Andy Hardy • Mickey Rooney
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Montpelier v Oxon Hill
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Stripmall Balads and Rock Creek Revival • Bluegrass
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# In Memoriam: Jim Olson

by Robin Olson

Jim Olson died six months ago. His 71st birthday is next week. Watching all the young men playing with their kids moved me to tears and inspired me to write this remembrance.

Summer BADS (Boys and Dads) Shrieking in the pool, Slamming baseballs into the out-field, Clanging out chords on the piano, Devouring WWII aircraft books, Nurturing three cats, Making a Co-op run – ‘Cause Dads need their beer.



Evan Olson and his Dad, Jim Olson, in the summer of 2001 in Cape May, N.J.

PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON



PHOTO BY EDITH BEAUCHAMP

Monarch butterflies may be endangered, but they are finding conditions hospitable at Greenbelt Lake.

## Letters continued

### Continued Generosity

With the rising costs of gas and food that we all are experiencing, one might expect that donations to the St. Hugh Food Pantry would be down. We are grateful to the greater Greenbelt community that has continued their generosity through the \$5 Co-op Food Bag Program (over 100 bags of food a week purchased) and the PORCH Program (countless pounds of food

a month collected). Also, our neighbors dropping off Co-op Store gift cards (over \$2,650) to the St. Hugh church office for our pantry families and donations to the Greenbelt Good Samaritan Fund. Words cannot express our thanks for the community’s continued support during these tough financial times.

Mary Ann Tretler  
St. Hugh Ladies of Charity



PHOTO BY JOE ROBBINS

In a follow-up to the letter to the editor in the July 21 issue, looking for ways to cope when there is no electricity, here are a solar oven and portable solar power station (the power station is hidden behind solar panels), both in action.

### Free Career Training Job Placement Event

Know any 18- to 24-year-old Prince George’s County residents who need free career training and job placement assistance? Tell them to join in on Tuesday, August 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. for an in-person KEYS Information Session at 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 140, Upper Marlboro.

Guests can look forward to lunch, tunes, gift cards and networking.

### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

“We all know and admit that justice is good, but there is need of volition and action to carry out and manifest it.”  
– ‘Abdu’l-Bahá



### Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

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### Home of the Brave? A UU Theology for Reparations

Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

On this particular Independence Day Weekend, lamentations arise from our hearts more loudly than celebrations. Grounded in our UU principles, and inspired by words and music of prophetic descendants of people who were enslaved in 1776, let us explore why and how reparative actions will move us from truth to reconciliation.



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City Notes

CARES, the Museum and other city services offered entertainment and information at National Night Out in Greenbelt West.

The Animal Control shelter residents are five dogs, eight cats and 11 kittens.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.95 tons of refuse and 10.53 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance serviced generators at Public Works and the Police Station.

Recreation, Public Works and Old Greenbelt Theatre collaborated to add a movie to the weekly pool visit of Springhill Lake Recreation Center Summer Fun Program.

The Community Center provided space to the Golden Age Club, Labor Day Festival Committee, Arts Advisory Board and Greenbelt Pottery.

Creative Kids Camp Session III performed in Roosevelt Center on Friday, August 5. Sunday's Artful Afternoon featured a Mud Cloth Workshop with Artist-in-Residence Karen Arrington.

Therapeutic Recreation delivered meal packs to 27 seniors and helped the Golden Age Club celebrate National Watermelon Day.

Park rangers monitored visitors' safety and hydration during very hot weather. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program produce distribution served 208 households.



Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.

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The remaining sessions are from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Mondays, August 22 and 29.

For more information contact Katrina Boverman at [Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com](mailto:Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com) or 301-641-1035.

Class sizes have ranged from 8 to 20 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and between classes. Common experiences outside of the classes have been for attendees to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times. These classes offer an opportunity to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 15-19

Monday, August 15 - NO MEETING

Wednesday, August 17 - NO MEETING

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
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· 298 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling  
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# Stormwater, Sewer Lines Are Perpetual Issues for City, GHI

by Matthew Arbach

Stormwater management and the health of its water and sewer lines continue to top the list of concerns felt at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). These, along with other issues, were discussed at the August 3 worksession with Greenbelt City Council.

As pointed out by Mayor Emmett Jordan, GHI was the original neighborhood of the city, making it “the heart and soul of the city in so many ways.” GHI Board Chair Stefan Brodd informed council that GHI was built in the late 1930s, comprising 1,600 homes. It developed into a self-managed cooperative by its property-owning members in the mid-1950s. GHI is led by General Manager Eldon Ralph, also present, who oversees a full-time staff of 45.

### Stormwater Mains

The issue of maintenance and repair of stormwater main pipes began the meeting. GHI is concerned that the pipes, now 85 years old, are heading toward a huge system failure in the near future, with many requiring replacement. GHI has proposed a joint venture with the city aimed mainly at repairing the system on GHI property, along with: developing procedures for notifying the city of defective pipes; establishing response times for initiating repairs; and possible reimbursement to GHI for repair costs. Brodd suggested lining pipes as an immediate action to increase their lifespan.

### Whose Responsibility?

At the crux of the issue are two documents from 1952 and 1953 that GHI indicates conveyed responsibility of the stormwater system from the federal government to the city. Interim City Manager Timothy George noted that there is a discrepancy, as

one document places ownership to the city and another to GHI, requiring legal review. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said that staff needs more time to assess this question. A related issue is the conveyance acceptance program, established in the 1990s, which places stormwater under the county’s purview.

Both council and staff said that both of these areas need to be explored further before proceeding. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been suggested for this problem, with Jordan speculating that future federal infrastructure funds might also be available.

GHI has continued to be in a stalemate with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) concerning the replacement of water supply pipes to its masonry homes, which have far exceeded their service age. In 1958, WSSC acquired ownership of the pipes up to meter boxes for the housing units, which are currently sited five feet from the units’ front walls. A 2008 offer from WSSC stipulated that it would replace the pipes, with the plan to move the meters to the curb or parking lot, with future repairs and maintenance of the pipes between the new meters and the units transferred to GHI. The most recent offer from WSSC was a plan to keep the meters at their present location and maintain the pipes for the next 30 years, after which all responsibility would revert to GHI.

Neither offer is favorable to GHI, according to Brodd, as it would incur millions of dollars to future GHI residents. GHI has recently created a task force to address the issue, and has been establishing a legal and engineer-

ing collaboration with related firms in order to best re-engage with WSSC in future negotiations.

Council asked staff to explore this issue further and pledged city support in any way possible in the deliberations with WSSC.

### Flooding

The courts at 33 Ridge Road, 56 Crescent Road and 1 Gardenway as well as the Crescent Road tunnel have experienced flooding during recent heavy rains. Brodd proposed a joint effort with the city to share costs on an engineering solution. Grant funding by GHI has proved unsuccessful so far.

Board member Ed James shared that he personally experienced flooding twice, and advised simply modifying the paving in his area. GHI Vice President Debbie McKinley promoted a holistic, green-and-gray infrastructure solution with engineers, as even minor adjustments can have major effects.

McKinley said that GHI has a new policy whereupon only 20 percent of a yard may be paved, using only pervious or semi-pervious materials. New measures for water capture, retention and bleed-off are being applied. Jordan extolled GHI for its efforts, and recommended it share its ideas with the rest of the city.

Concerning city involvement, both George and Hruby said that the scope needs to be reviewed more, with a cautious approach needed as GHI is private property.

Hruby said that the two recently flooded apartments at Parke Crescent Apartments have been repaired, “meet habitable requirements” from code enforcement and have yet to be rented.

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# GAIL Will Start Brain Health Memory Program in September

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program and Dementia Friendly America – Northern Prince George’s County Sector in partnership with Goodwin House, Inc., a senior living and healthcare services organization located in Northern Virginia – will offer an innovative brain health program for older adults, starting in September.

The program, StrongerMemory, is designed to help older adults alleviate symptoms of mild cognitive impairment and early-stage dementia. StrongerMemory was created by Goodwin House President and CEO Rob Liebreich in 2011 after observing his mother’s challenges with mild cognitive impairment. According to Maryland’s Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 10 percent of Maryland adults age 44 and older have experienced symptoms of cognitive decline and 10 percent of Maryland adults over 65 are suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. One-third of Maryland adults reporting cognitive decline needed to give up day-to-day household activities or chores as a result of confusion or

memory loss.

The StrongerMemory program consists of simple activities practiced daily to engage the working memory and trigger brain activity in the prefrontal cortex. Research indicates that participants who spend just 20 to 30 minutes a day engaged in simple reading, writing and math activities can experience stabilized or improved cognitive functions. Participants will receive a workbook that contains the daily tasks. The focus is not on whether the answers are correct, but rather to develop a routine of stimulating the part of the brain necessary to carry out the task.

The StrongerMemory program runs for 12 weeks, with one 30-minute check-in each Thursday lead by a StrongerMemory group facilitator. The program will be held at the Community Center, Room 114, and runs Thursday, September 15, through Thursday, December 8, from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Sharon Johnson by phone, at 240-542-2029, or email, at [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Two Libraries Offer Free Kids Shoes

The Hyattsville and Spauldings Branch libraries are holding Operation Sole, offering a free pair of shoes for kids who need them for the new school year via Operation Warm and PGCMLS Foundation. Limit two pairs of shoes per family, while supplies last. Sizes 6 toddler to 5 kids. Distributed on a first-come, first-served basis on these dates:

Hyattsville, Tuesday, August 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Spauldings, Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to noon

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# Greenbelt Activists Attend Commemoration of Nagasaki

by Donna Hoffmeister

The U.S. detonated atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, on August 6 and 9, 1945, killing between 129,000 and 226,000 people, mostly civilians. Greenbelt residents Amanda Jennings, Daniel Thies, Donna Hoffmeister and Marj Donn attended the 41st annual candle-light vigil at the White House on Monday, August 8, with a moment of silence at 10:02 p.m., when the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Donn attends these commemorations each year to honor her late husband, Bert Donn, who worked tirelessly for nonproliferation and abolition of nuclear weapons. Jennings said that all she has known in her lifetime is the possibility of nuclear annihilation and she would like that to change.

According to the International Committee to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, a nuclear war between the U.S. and Russia would lead to over 34 million dead and 57 million injured in the first few hours, with a winter of famine for those who survived. On the mind of several participants at the annual vigil was concern that



From left, Donna Hoffmeister, Amanda Jennings and Marj Donn are shown at Lafayette Park, near the White House, as they attend the vigil.

the war in Ukraine could lead to a nuclear confrontation. The Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southeastern Ukraine, the largest nuclear power plant in Europe, is now under Russian military control. They have blocked inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency and have been

firing artillery from the cover of the power plant's grounds.

Thies spoke about the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which went into effect on January 22, 2021. We must find a way to negotiate an end to the weapons that will destroy us, he said.

PHOTO BY DANIEL THIES

# No Local School Boundary Changes Set for Fall 2022

by Amy Hansen

In June of 2021, Prince George's County Public Schools put forward new school boundaries to correct for overcrowding and under-used schools in the system. Greenbelt residents would have been impacted.

However, the plans have been put on hold for the moment. "Families and community members have more time to weigh in on proposed school boundary scenarios. The project timeline was extended to allow for the appointment of new board of education members in vacant districts with adequate time to review community feedback," said Meghan Gebreselassie, director of

communications in the Office of Communications and Community Engagement for Prince George's County Public Schools.

More information about school boundaries can be found at [pgcps.org/offices/pupil-accounting/school-boundaries](https://pgcps.org/offices/pupil-accounting/school-boundaries). The website includes a map gallery, which shows school boundaries in colorful detail; School Finder, which identifies students' neighborhood schools; and School Boundary Initiative, which explains the process of redrawing the school boundaries.

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 29.

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as it has to everyone, Nelson observed. "The last 24 months or so have truly been transformational for all. Gaps in student learning over the summer have been a traditional challenge for many but now that challenge is heightened," he said. "Thankfully, the Greyhound [GES mascot] staff and community are endlessly supportive and place students first in decision making." Greenbelt Elementary currently has a few vacancies in non-lead teacher roles, but fortunately, the teacher roster is full.



New GES Principal Joel Nelson

PHOTO COURTESY JOEL NELSON



# Greenbelt Park Remains Closed After July Storm

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt Park, part of the National Park System, is temporarily closed due to damage and downed trees throughout the park and its campgrounds caused by the severe storm on July 12. The park may re-open in mid-August, according to an official notice on its public Facebook page ([facebook.com/greenbeltnationalpark](https://facebook.com/greenbeltnationalpark)).

"The [park] superintendent wants to reevaluate in mid-August. We don't want to create a reopening date and then have to push it back," the page says in a post on July 28. "We appreciate everyone's patience! We want

to open as soon as possible and visitor safety is our priority."

In more recent posts, the Greenbelt Park Facebook page suggested other local parks for people looking for an outdoor experience, including Fort Washington Park, which offers scenic views of the Potomac River; Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, which has trails and possibly some late-blooming lotus flowers; and Fort Dupont Park, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has free rhythm & blues, jazz and go-go concerts at 7 p.m. on Saturdays through September 3 (maybe longer).

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Hibiscus blooms at the Lake.

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## 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GREENBELT LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival was first held in 1955 to raise funds to build a Youth Center. It has been held every year since by the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, one of Maryland's largest all-volunteer organized events.

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Sunday, September 4  
Noon – 10pm

Monday, September 5  
11am – 6pm



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those at Sugarloaf Mountain, activities like figure skating at Wheaton Ice Arena and thrills like riding The Flight of Fear at King’s Dominion. On a recent Thursday morning, campers explored their boundaries and forearm muscles by climbing a series of walls at Laurel’s Climb-Zone. Each trip offers the group a chance for discovery and enjoyment.

When the group remains at camp, they play a variety of camp games ranging from thinking games such as The Line Game and Magic Stick to active favorites like handball, Capture the Flag and pillo polo. The latter is reminiscent of field hockey but with yellow and blue padded sticks. Each week the YOGOs face off in a pillo polo battle pitting the two colors against each other, with the blue team known as The Egyptian Flying Koala Bears and yellow as The Indonesian Crime-Fighting Black Bears, both named by former campers. Once a YOGO joins a team, they remain with that team for the entirety of their career; former YOGOs now turned interns and counselors still join the Friday matchups whenever possible as both teams vie for the Nabozny Cup, which is awarded to the winner of the summer-long series. Campers and staff pass down stories of former games and players each summer, only adding to the excitement over each yellow and blue matchup. After a competitively fun pillo polo battle on either the Youth Center outdoor or indoor basketball court, filled



YOGO campers begin the day saluting the flag.



YOGO campers visit the fire station on a scavenger hunt on Friday, August 5.

with shouts of joy and exasperation along with faux British commentary, one may say it smells like adolescence. But if you ask any YOGO, they would tell you that it “smells like summer.”

PHOTO BY LEILAH EGLESTON

PHOTO BY ALASKA HEINTZELMAN

Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

“Best Hospitals” Ranks Luminis/Doctors Hospital

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center (LHD-CMC) was named a high performing hospital by U.S. News & World Report. This award is the highest a hospital can receive from U.S. News’ Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings, according to a press release from Luminis Health. The 2022-2023 Best Hospitals rankings and ratings by U.S. News & World Report “are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making

informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or elective procedures,” said the press release. LHDCMC earned its rating for the following procedures and conditions: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart failure, kidney failure, pneumonia and stroke, in recognition of care that was significantly better than the national average, as measured by factors such as patient outcomes.

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As a result, this technology underpins the world’s supercomputer capability, with almost all the 500 most powerful such installations using off-the-shelf hardware linked in the basic Beowulf architecture, with operating systems that are variants of the original Linux. Unlike clusters of independent machines, Beowulf clusters operate collectively rather than as individual machines, sharing resources and operating as a single, massively parallel, virtual supercomputer.

The Space Foundation is a nonprofit advocate organization founded in 1983 to support education, information and collaboration for space exploration and space-inspired industries. Its Hall of Fame inducts technologies rather than people. A list of prior inductees can be found at spacefoundation.org/inducted-technologies. Beowulf is an Anglo-Saxon hero, much engaged with the vanquishing of dragons and other monsters.



On Monday, August 8, a reception is held in the Council Chambers to celebrate a new art exhibit by John Drago. At the countdown and signal from Drago, everyone launches paper airplanes toward the center of the room. Six of his artworks will remain on view through October 27. Visitor access is Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., whenever the room is not reserved. Call 301-474-8000 to confirm.

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Butterfly at the Lake

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AND

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Monday, 8/15, Reel and Meal (monthly film series), 7 - 9pm

Tuesday, 8/16, Open Mic with Joey Campfire, 6:30 - 9:30pm

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and wondered if some parking spaces would be available temporarily. Kumar said she would investigate temporarily available parking spaces but there was no guarantee.

Leslie Benitez, community manager of the Master Homeowners Association (HOA) of Greenbelt Station, was introduced to council. Danielle McKinney, a member of the board of directors of Greenbelt Station Master Association, was available remotely to council. Councilmember Kristen L.K. Weaver also serves on the Greenbelt Station Master Association Board.

The master HOA and the three condominium HOAs for Point, Vista and Court comprise all the homeowners of Greenbelt Station. The park and the four streets bordering the park are under Greenbelt city governance.

Parking Regulations

Police Chief Richard Bowers reported only a few issues with Greenbelt Station and Verde over the last 90 days. The area is secure with two entry points and covered by foot patrols and premise checks. The police have a good relationship with the residents. Crime prevention tips for residents include parking in a well-lit area and keeping valuables out of sight in a car. For minor altercations between neighbors, Jordan recommended contacting Verde or the HOA before a call to the police.

Cars with Maryland tags may sit for up to 30 days on a city street before they are towed. For cars with temporary tags, Bowers said to contact the police department non-emergency telephone number. Bowers noted that other jurisdictions may tow after three to 10 days.

Jordan pointed out that the problem of parking long-term on city streets was not confined to Greenbelt Station, and sometimes trucks are parked long-term as advertisements. Councilmember Rodney Roberts mentioned that his neighborhood in Greenbelt Homes, Inc., did not see the 30-day limit as excessive. Weaver thought that a 10-day limit would be appropriate for Greenbelt Station. Councilmembers thought about the variability across the city when considering parking regulations. Gordon asked Bowers what the typical fine could be and Bowers said \$45, with more for parking in handicapped and fire lanes. Jordan suggested that parking regulations might have a legislative remedy. Davis also noted that the trails in Greenbelt and the coming Greenbelt Metro (WMATA) trail will hopefully cut down on car transportation needs.

Terri Hruby, director of Planning & Community Develop-

ment, mentioned that streets around Greenbelt Station Park will change to one-way traffic at the end of August. Signage and notifications will ease the transition process. Weaver asked if the change could be reversed later; Hruby said yes. Davis noted that this change will create more parking spaces around the park.

Trails

The storm-damaged section of the Indian Creek trail is repaired and now open, Hruby noted. Jordan mentioned that the area near Prince George’s Scrap had problems with invasives and wondered if the area had been turned over to the city. Hruby said the trail area is turned over but the land adjacent to the trail needs turf established, a no-mow zone and storm management. Davis inquired about lighting around the trails and mentioned that lighting at night might interfere with the habitat. Hruby responded that there are, at present, no plans for lighting on the trail.

Ground for the WMATA trail has not been broken yet due to a lot of regulatory requirements, Hruby said. Five years have passed since the WMATA trail plans began, Jordan pointed out. Hruby said the highway review (which involves the state) is coming and she is hoping to break ground in the spring of 2023. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review project is complete and the permit is coming, she added. Major remaining steps are completing the utility design and the requirements of the grant programs. Hruby sees bidding on this project to start in the winter. She explained that from breaking ground to completion would take up to eight months, and the bridge and boardwalk part of the trail construction will be separate and, hopefully, concurrent with the trail construction.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred between August 1 through August 7. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Assault

On August 5 at 10:35 a.m. near 5900 Springhill Drive, an unknown Black man wearing a blue shirt and green camo pants approached, took a black handgun out of his waistband and pointed it at the victim, stating “get out of here or I’mma kill you,” and the victim left. No property was demanded or taken from the victim.

On August 1 at 2:41 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a dispute turned physical.

Break-in

On August 4 at 5:18 p.m. near 6600 Lake Park Drive, a person who was selling a home found the key lockbox damaged and locks rekeyed. Officers were asked to force entry and ensure no one was in the home. Officers cleared the house and did not locate anyone. However, property not belonging to the victim was located. On August 6 at 8:16 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, personal property was taken from a residence.

DUI Arrests

On August 2 at 10:42 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court; August 6 at 12:56 a.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway; and August 6 at 5:09 a.m. near Lastner Lane and Crescent Road.

Disorderly Conduct

On August 1 at 12:01 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, after an altercation between employees and a customer, the customer was banned from the property.

On August 3 at 9:26 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, there was a dispute over a towed vehicle.

Fraud

Credit card fraud, August 1 near 400 Ridge Road; identity fraud, August 2 near Laurel Hill Road; money wiring fraud, August 3 near 7800 Lakecrest Drive; counterfeit money used to purchase items, August 3 near 7300 Hanover Parkway.

Stolen Vehicles

2021 Dodge Challenger stolen August 1, 10:48 a.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane. 1999 Plymouth Voyager stolen August 5, 1:07 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway.

Vandalism, Theft from Auto

All four rims and tires were stolen from a 2022 Honda Accord, August 5 near 8100 Mandan Terrace; two Toyota Camrys, August 4 near Golden Triangle Drive and Walker Drive; and a Camry August 5 near 7800 Mandan Road.

On August 1 near 200 Lakeside Drive, a vehicle was rummaged through and the ignition left on the driver floor; and, near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a window was broken and the instrument panel pulled out.

On August 2 near 9100 Edmonston Road, two work vehicles were broken into and tools stolen. August 5 near 7400 Greenbelt Road, car window broken, property taken.

On August 6 near 6000

Springhill Drive, car window shattered, audio system stolen; a second vehicle had a window shattered, unknown if anything was taken. August 6 near 7200 Hanover Parkway, property taken from vehicle. August 4 near 7900 Mandan Road, window broken, property taken.

Theft

On August 1 at 9:26 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, a known individual took the victim’s property. On August 5 at 9:52 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, an iPhone was stolen off a restaurant table.

Threats

On August 2 at 4:37 p.m. near Centerway, a juvenile made threats; when investigation revealed a mental health component, resources were provided. On August 6 at 4:53 p.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, threatening text messages were received.

Vandalism

On August 1 at 1:02 p.m. near 5500 Cherrywood Lane, a woman vandalized a business after being upset she could not cash a check without identification. On August 1 at 9:31 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a residence window was broken. On August 7 at 7:27 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a wine bottle was thrown through a residence window. On August 7 at 7:36 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a rock was thrown through a residence window.



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In the meantime, the Metro Shuttle has been discontinued, but the B15X bus has not yet started up. Jordan mentioned BikeShare as an alternative.

Remaining Issues

Now that the damage from the storm (mainly shutters and trash blown about) has been fixed, the HOAs are thinking about expanding some amenities. McKinney would like to have more shaded areas, community gardens, more dog waste disposal units and a conveniently located dog park. She hopes that more community events in the park, like the gathering where the S.I.T.Y. Stars performed, will be planned. She also requested – as top priority – the WMATA trail, then safety with increased patrols and continued police presence, along with brush removal from Indian Creek trail.

The next Public Works cleanup is scheduled for September, Jordan said.

In the HOAs and Verde apartments, no sub-leasing is permitted, but Jordan mentioned that several condominiums appear to be rented to a changing group of students. Benitez said the master HOA had no information on this practice. She also mentioned that some trees are covering the streetlights and requested tree-trimming. Interim City Manager Timothy George responded that city streets have scheduled tree maintenance, but he recommended contacting Public Works to request tree-trimming in addition to the scheduled maintenance.

Greenbelt resident Bill Orleans asked if evictions from Verde are reported to Hruby. Hruby stated that no eviction notices were received in the last few weeks. Kumar emphasized Verde follows procedures – filing, writ, sheriff, eviction – but the process is lengthy and variable. Davis asked if any Verde residents had received rental assistance from the city, and Kumar said that some residents did receive assistance.

Orleans also requested that rental assistance information appear in the Verde communications to tenants. Kumar responded that newsletters and notices are electronic at Verde and Verde would welcome city communications by email.

Greenbelt Station resident Jennifer Nearhood, an environmental lawyer, asked about the potential purchase of Prince George’s Scrap for use as a park. George has contacted Berwyn Heights where the property is located, but the property owner is not interested in selling, he said, adding that eminent domain was not feasible in this case. Davis suggested a partnership with Berwyn Heights to address the environmental issues of the scrap yard with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Roberts asked George how long it has been since he reached out to the owner. Council, however, preferred not to discuss negotiations in the meeting. If the property could be purchased, remediation and conversion to a park would be costly, he noted, and any ARPA funds committed must be returned to ARPA if the project goes past the ARPA deadline.

Refuge Celebrates Conservation Day

The public is invited to a celebration of Wildlife Conservation Day at the North Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge on Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature scavenger hunts, fishing and archery. Visitors can learn tips on birding, get advice on wildlife observation and photography, and practice fly tying. Live birds of prey and other animals, to include demonstrations of retriever dogs, will also be on hand. Firearms demonstrations, information on hunter safety, accessible hunting and fishing, and other conservation and recreational opportunities in the area are among the activities planned. There will also be crafts for the younger children.

The North Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge is located at 230 Bald Eagle Drive off Md. Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, east of Laurel. For more information call 301-497-5770 or visit patuxent.fws.gov.

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Lighting

A recent GHI survey showed considerable interest by GHI residents for installing lighting in the city park between 11 and 13 Courts of Ridge Road, with the highest response from 10 Court Southway and 14 Court Ridge. A power source is lacking in the area and would be a costly service to provide. Solar and bollard lighting were proposed by council, but both are problematic. Council asked GHI to provide a report for a future worksession.

Cell Phone Coverage

The recent storm brought into relief the problem of cell-phone dead spots in GHI and Old Greenbelt. Many residents experienced at least two days of no access due to the storm damage, preventing calls to 911 or 988. GHI asked the city to undertake a survey of these dead spots and help in solving the issue.

Council suggested that 5G small-cell infrastructure might be a future solution, as the technology and its aesthetics have improved. They also proposed

using Wi-Fi providers like Verizon and T-Mobile as the vehicle for improvements.

Trees

GHI continues to address tree damage and limb removal from the July 12 storm. Public Works Director Willis Shafer assured council that city staff is focused on this and on assessing tree disease on a daily basis. GHI has a hazard rating system for assessing trees, with only the most urgent marked for removal.

Staff emphasized that all residents can call the city directly if they see any hazardous tree issues, with the response being immediate. Friday remains the city’s official yard waste pickup day, with the city using contractors to handle the more difficult removals.

Council and staff were proud of and focused on retaining the city’s 62 percent tree canopy (minus the Forest Preserve). Both expressed the difficult choices that must be made on tree removal, both for and against.



A Transcendence Portal has opened up in the woods between 3 Court Laurel Hill and the tunnel by the Firefly Sanctuary.

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# Jim Cassels Legacy Award Applications Are Available

by Donna Hoffmeister

At its annual meeting in November the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will give a group or individual \$1,200 to carry out a project that benefits the people of Greenbelt. The Jim Cassels Community Service Award honors the legacy of Jim Cassels, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1978 and organizer of the Co-op Grocery re-establishment in 1984.

Those thinking about applying for this year's award may be inspired by previous awards, which have helped to make Greenbelt a special place. The 2021 award went to the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café, which has screened free, high-quality documentaries on social justice issues on the third Monday of each month for the past 15 years. The films screened this year via Zoom and in person covered such varied topics as climate refugees, the Rosenwald schools for Black children in Prince George's County, the military coup in Myanmar and the carcinogenic PFAS, found in fish caught in Maryland.

In 2020, Prince George's Community Collaborative Resolution Center conducted a series of two workshops via Zoom to help Greenbelt residents resolve conflicts and misunderstandings. The award was given in 2018 to the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts to introduce folktales to fourth graders at Greenbelt Elementary School, who made shadow puppets and performed the Giant Turnip, a Ukrainian folktale, at the school and for the public at the New Deal Café.



PHOTO BY DONNA HOFFMEISTER

The 2021 Jim Cassels Award Winner was the Reel and Meal film series. The money assists with the group's ongoing presentation of socially responsible and illuminating documentaries as part of the New Deal Café's programming. This photo shows a typical pre-covid, in-person audience at a Reel and Meal film.

WAGS (Well-wishers of the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) used its 2015 grant to conduct animal safety workshops to help children and their parents identify dog or cat distress signals and to understand how to approach unfamiliar animals, who might be inclined to bite, especially if off-leash. With its 2014 grant, the alight dance theater gave a free performance of its work Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War, which commemorated the challenges women from Maryland and D.C. faced during the War of 1812.

The GreenSTEMs of Club 125 used its 2013 grant to acquire tools and materials for the Repair Café, where people work together to make repairs on such things as clothes, furniture and electrical appliances. The 2012 awardee, the Friends of Still Creek, de-

veloped an educational project in partnership with Greenbelt Elementary School. Walking tours of streams, composting and gardening helped students understand the natural environment and the local watershed.

The 2010 award funded a Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATe) art and animation project, where kids ages 10 to 15 learned how to create the animated video that was screened as part of the city's 75th anniversary celebration.

A full list of the projects of the past 16 years and an online application form can be found at [greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award](http://greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award). Paper applications are available at the Co-op, although online submissions are preferred. The deadline is Saturday, October 15.

## National Night Out



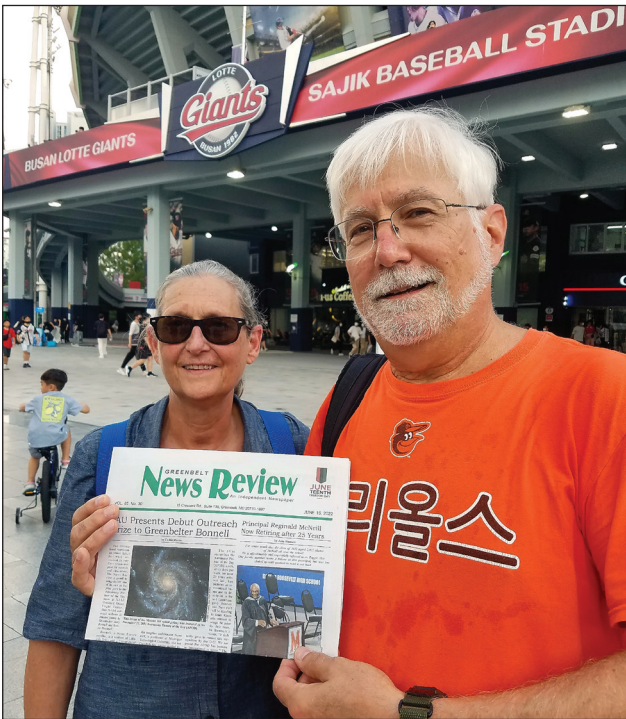
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Senator Paul Pinsky, left, stops by Hunting Ridge condominium during National Night Out, and takes a selfie with LaChelle King, center, and Councilmember Judith Davis.



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National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 2, was a huge success for the Hunting Ridge community in Greenbelt East. The local volunteer fire department stopped by, and families and friends enjoyed cold, tasty ice cream.



Letty and Jerry Bonnell attend a KBO league (like Korean MLB) game in Busan, South Korea. Note Jerry's Korean Orioles T-shirt. The league is celebrating its 40th anniversary and the fans were definitely having a baseball party the entire time. The Bonnells are in Busan because Jerry is being awarded a prize by the International Astronomical Union for Astronomy Picture of the Day, as announced in the issue of the News Review Jerry is holding.



The News Review went to Iceland with Carol Slatin, who had a great time.

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